



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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State Superintendent of Education

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TO: Chief State School Officers

FROM: Hank M. Bounds *Hank Bounds*
State Superintendent of Education

RE: Access to Mississippi Student Academic Records

Thank you for accepting Mississippi's students into your school districts. Your care and concern during this time of crisis are appreciated.

The Mississippi Department of Education has developed a plan to assist you with the acquisition of records to aid in the enrollment of students displaced by Hurricane Katrina. If student general and academic records are needed by your school districts, please have a state agency representative supply the districts with the attached Mississippi Student Information Request form. Have the district complete the form and email it to msstudentrec@mde.k12.ms.us.

In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), we ask that you require the requesting school district to certify that they have obtained consent of the parent or eligible student prior to requesting the student's education record.

Again, thank you for your efforts on our behalf of the children of the State of Mississippi. If you need to make personal contact at the Mississippi Department of Education, please contact Derrick Lindsay or Rusty Purvis at (601) 359-3487.

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Attachment